

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Notice of Non-compliant Amendment of July 10, 2007, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto. Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested. Claims 67 and 82 have been amended to place the claims in a more preferred form. Claims 68-69, 72-73, 76, and 81 have been withdrawn. Claims 71 and 84 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Thus, claims 67, 70, 74-75, 77-80, 82-83, and 85-90 remain pending.

Applicants have amended independent claims 67 and 82 to include features drawn to elected group I. Applicants have withdrawn claims 68-69, 72-73, 76, and 81. However, upon allowance independent claim 67, Applicants respectfully reserve the right to rejoin one or more of claims 68-69, 72-73, 76, and 81 into the present matter.

All matters having been addressed, Applicants respectfully submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicit prompt notification of the same. Should the Examiner find that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite passage to issue of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below. Applicants look forward to passage to issue of the present application at the earliest convenience of the Office.

Respectfully submitted,
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